

PUBLIC HEARING
 EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
 RESTORE NY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE GRANT
 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2009; 7:00 P.M.
 NEW WINDSOR TOWN HALL
 NEW WINDSOR, NEW YORK

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Green, Councilwoman Mullarkey, Councilwoman Weyant, Councilwoman Biasotti, Councilman Lundstrom

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: Comptroller Finnegan, Highway Superintendent Fayo, Town Attorney Blythe, Lieutenant Faricellia

SALUTE TO FLAG

Supervisor Green called to order a Public Hearing regarding the Empire State Development Corporation Restore NY Communities Initiative Grant. He said this was the third time this grant had been applied for.

The Town Clerk presented proof of publication as required by law.

Supervisor Green said that Chris Bette of First Columbia would explain what the grant is for. Mr. Bette said his firm are the developers for New York International Plaza at Stewart International Airport and they are applying for a New York State Restore NY grant to be used for demolition and infrastructure improvements. Applications must be sponsored by municipalities and they are asking the Town of New Windsor to sponsor their application. He said they have applied for the grant twice before and were successful once and turned down once. The grant money that they received already was applied toward demolition of military housing, but about nineteen military buildings remain in need of demolition.

Hearing no one wishing to speak, Supervisor Green entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing.

MOTION – CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Councilwoman Mullarkey, seconded by Councilwoman Weyant that the Town Board of the Town of New Windsor close the Public Hearing in the matter of the Empire State Development Corporation Restore NY Communities Initiative, in the Town of New Windsor, County of Orange, New York pursuant to Article 12 of the Town Law at 7:05 P.M.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried: 5-0

MOTION - ADOPT RESOLUTION – TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW WINDSOR CERTIFYING LOCAL LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR “ROUND 3, RESTORE NY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE” GRANT APPLICATION OF FIRST COLUMBIA INTERNATIONAL GROUP AS SPONSORED BY TOWN OF NEW WINDSOR.

Motion by Councilwoman Mullarkey, seconded by Councilwoman Weyant that the Town Board of the Town of New Windsor adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Windsor (Town Board) was held on March 4, 2009, which advertised for and called a Public Hearing for the Empire State Development Corporation “Round 3, Restore New York Communities Initiative” (Round 3) as required by law; and,

WHEREAS, Empire State Development Corporation through the Round 3 program has invited Requests for Funding Proposals for certain projects; and,

WHEREAS, Town Board wishes to sponsor the application of First Columbia International Group (First Columbia) to make said application for said funding; and,

WHEREAS, the Round 3 projects eligible for funding include the demolition and asbestos abatement of abandoned or obsolete structures; and,

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WHEREAS, Town of New Windsor is the owner of certain properties within Town of New Windsor consisting of the former Stewart Army Sub-post (STAS); and,

WHEREAS, the former STAS is located within the Newburgh/Stewart Empire Zone; and,

WHEREAS, there exists on these lands fifty (50) abandoned and obsolete buildings, more or less, which detract from the value of the town owned lands; and,

WHEREAS, the aforementioned lands and buildings are the subject of a long term agreement between Town of New Windsor and First Columbia and that First Columbia in conjunction with and in cooperation with Town of New Windsor has legal control of the site; and,

WHEREAS, all requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) were complied with on August 3, 2003, upon the completion of New York International Plaza's Final Environmental Impact Statement; and,

WHEREAS, Town of New Windsor now wishes to sponsor the application of First Columbia for the demolition and removal of abandoned and obsolete structures at the STAS site; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing having been held on April 1, 2009 to hear all interested persons in regard to the Empire State Development Corporation Round 3; and,

WHEREAS, the project is consistent with the existing local and regional revitalization plan; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed financing is appropriate for the specific facility or project as the demolition of the abandoned and obsolete structures will enhance the value of the site; and,

WHEREAS, the project facilitates effective and efficient use of existing and future public resources so as to promote both economic development and preservation of community resources; and,

WHEREAS, the project develops and enhances infrastructure and/or other facilities in a manner that will attract, create, and sustain employment opportunities;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of New Windsor that:

- (1) The Town Board hereby sponsors the application of First Columbia to Empire State Development Corporation "Round 3, Restore New York Communities Initiative" for funding of demolition and asbestos abatement of abandoned and obsolete buildings at STAS; and,
- (2) The Town Board hereby certifies that the project has the full legislative support of the Town of New Windsor.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried: 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

DEBORAH GREEN
TOWN CLERK